

# KIM'S KICKOFF

*Igniting the future*

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**District 201 Q1**

**Kim Forrest**

**District Governor  
2018/2019**

*Never forgetting the past*



**1st VDG David Greenup  
2nd VDG Narelle Parkins**



**We Serve**

## HELLO TO YOU ALL

June has now arrived and so has the end of my term as District Governor of 201Q1.

To end the year off, last month Ross and I travelled to Geelong for my final Council Meeting and for the Multiple District Convention. Both very enjoyable even though a little chilly and wet at times.

I had the pleasure of enjoying the Youth of the Year Blazer breakfast with our Alstonville winner Finn and his family. Sadly Finn didn't win, but he certainly did our District proud with his presentation and enthusiasm and was a winner in my eyes.

At the end of the Convention program, our incoming DG David Greenup was welcomed on stage with his fellow Governors for the year 2019-20 and I wish him well and promise all my support for his year ahead.

Over the past 3 years I have had the absolute pleasure of visiting just about every club in this fabulous District. I have met with club members, heard about some amazing projects and activities and enjoyed acceptance and fellowship wherever I went. I'd like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for making this a huge highlight of my journey.

Now, however, is not a time for me to relax and simply become a PDG as was planned, in fact I will never get to wear that PDG badge. At the end of this month, I have been given the unexpected pleasure of heading off to the International Convention in Milan. Along with DGE David being installed as your next 201Q1 District Governor, I will be, at the same time, installed as the next District 201 Council Chairperson. An honour that I could never have imagined, but another although different, journey for me to take in Lions.

Lion's members of Q1, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the time I've had. Remember, We Serve, but we do it better together.

***Stay safe, stay well***

**District Governor Kim Forrest – District 201Q1 2018-19**

## FROM THE DESK OF CABINET SECRETARY

It has been an interesting year to say the least.

We welcomed DG Kim back from Las Vegas with a Changeover full of fun and laughter.

Then down to work it was. Our country Clubs suffered drought, fire and some floods but as Lions we pull together and do what we can.

We travelled North, South and West for Cabinet meetings and experienced the culture of the areas we visited.

All Clubs worked hard over the Christmas period selling Christmas Cakes and Puddings. DG Kim went out west Delivering Gold Tin Christmas Cakes to those in need all Donated by the Australian Lions Foundation.

The Multiple District Convention was held in Geelong Victoria in a Massive Stadium and it was cold for a Queenslander. Geelong is a beautiful Town on the Water and if you had the opportunity there were plenty of places to see and lots of shopping I believe.

The sad part of the year was losing our Lions friends and this year we lost a District Governor Peter Oliver his mate a very good friend too many Lion Mike Bonoguoere. Lion Paula Davoren was a Minute Secretary to many of us. Paula was working in the Community the day she was taken to hospital and sadly never came out. We also lost many wonderful Lions in our District.

To finish our Year District Governor Kim stood for the position of Council Chair at the Multiple District Convention and the incoming District Governor Elects voted her in. This is a Historic occasion as DG Kim is the first Women in Australian to be Council Chair.

DG Kim I wish you all the best for the coming year it will be a great experience.

DGE David all the very best for the coming year it will be an honour to serve in my new role come July 1.

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*Many thanks to all those Members and Clubs who have submitted stories over the past year, please keep up the great work and be sure to share your stories in to the future. Lion Greg & I will not be continuing on as district newsletter editors, but the Newsletter will continue to keep you informed. I personally am looking forward to my new district role as your Global Membership Team Co-Ordinator (GMT), and working with clubs to inspire positive club membership experiences within clubs and the district. Thanks again!*

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## DG KIM & LION ROSS WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Algester Parkinson	Bernie Anderson, Maurie Anderson, Brian Ashcroft, Judith Ashcroft, Robert Wilmot
Boonah	Timothy Burgess, Oyvind Schougaard, Ruth Schougaard
Brisbane Centurions	Jiemin Huang, Xinyi Li
Brisbane Chinese	Catherine Tai
Brisbane Zhong Hua	Leo Yuanbo Zhao, Kate Dong, Honglei Zhang
Burleigh Heads	Kel Parsons
Kyogle	Margaret Barker
Logan Underwood	Denise Guiton
Mudgeeraba	Sandra Hayes, Joe Tyler
Murwillumbah	Bronwyn Jenkins, Ian Jenkins
Palm Beach Currumbin	Mark Borg, Christine Hawkins
Tamborine Village	Samuel Cooper, Sharyn Smith
Upper Coomera	Dianne Clarke
Warwick	Arthur Clark

## PROLIFIC LIONS KRAFTERS!

The Griffith University Lions Krafters are unstoppable. So far, this year, they have made 560 woolen items which have already been distributed to a variety of community groups, such as, Meals on Wheels, Homeless projects, Teddies without Borders and the Seamen's Mission. Items like beanies, purses, puppets, rugs, scarves, mitten and toys. On the 8th May 40 knitted Teddies (ready for duty), were handed over to the Upper Mt Gravatt police station, to their newest project, Cops Care. This is an initiative of the Queensland Police Service and the aim is for police cars to have Teddies on board to hand out to children caught up in stressful situations. For the next few months the Krafters will focus on beanies and mittens, which will be in demand over the winter season.

A huge thank you must go to former Lion Lorraine Bence who is the driving force behind this dedicated group. If you would like to donate any wool to this worthy cause, please contact Lorraine on 07 3286 5598.



# 2019 MULTICULTURAL HARMONY DAY CELEBRATION EVENT BY BRISBANE MACGREGOR LIONS CLUB

As incoming club President 2018-2019, Narelle had a vision for a large community service multicultural day event and started this special project.

Whilst there have been many Harmony Day events held in March, the inaugural "Multicultural Harmony Day Celebration" event held by Brisbane Macgregor Lions Club on 30th March, 2019 at the Mt Gravatt TAFE had a focus to welcome migrants, refugees and new Australians into the community and increase their sense of belonging. The event embraced different cultures through the sharing of international cuisine and table discussion about different cultures and how their wellbeing is impacted with integration into the wider community.

Whilst family groups were kept together, seating allocation was done to mix countries and cultural groups and make people get out of their comfort zone and mingle and meet new people from diverse backgrounds. Table seatings were pre-allocated to ensure diversity. Interviews were conducted by the MC at the tables and questions were asked to encourage people to share their stories.

Childcare services were provided to allow family groups to attend. For some families, it was the first outing into the wider community. Children playing together also helps the parents to mix too. Sharing of international food was also an ice breaker and easy topic of conversation as well as the entertainment by Aboriginal didgeridoo player and the Indonesian dancers. The international fashion parade by attendees also helped to bring people together and share stories and have conversations and many photos. The event catered for over 240 people.

We were grateful for a MAQ Qld Government grant and Brisbane council grants through Cr Krista Adams & Cr Steven Huang which helped to make this event possible as well as the many donations of products and resources and time from community groups such as the Mt Gravatt Community Centre Inc, Taiwanese community, Fiji Senior Citizens Qld and the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. The committee worked hard for 6 months to bring it all together.

The written and oral feedback was excellent and we look forward to holding this event again next year. It was a very successful community service event.

**Narelle Wyvill-Anstey**

**President – Brisbane MacGregor Lions Club – 0417 744 745 (M)**



# BRISBANE MACGREGOR LIONS CLUB HEALTH & WELLBEING EXPO 2019

The Brisbane MacGregor Lions club staged its sixth Health & Wellbeing Expo on Wednesday, 15th May 2019. It was organised by the club and held at the Hillsong auditorium in Mt Gravatt providing comfortable seating for patrons, plenty of parking and excellent IT facilities where guest speakers were able to use Powerpoint facilities in their presentations.

The principal goal of the Expo was to encourage patrons attending (the majority of whom were seniors) to take a proactive approach towards their health & wellbeing. This was done with 7 guest speakers and 35 stallholders providing a wealth of information on a diverse range of health and wellbeing topics. Patrons were also provided with a free morning tea and lunch.

An extensive marketing program was carried out which resulted in 217 patrons attending this free event. Patrons gave very positive feedback on the excellence of the guest speakers and the quality of the information provided by the various stall holders. There was also strong feedback requesting the club to continue the Expo in the future.

The project was awarded the Lord Mayor's Australia Day Community Service Project of the Year for 2018.

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# ALGESTER CELEBRATES QUEENSLAND DAY

**Queensland Day** is an annual recognition of the State's birthday and will be formally celebrated on Thursday 6 June 2019, the day after the State of Origin Rugby League match at Suncorp Stadium – hopefully the Queensland Maroons will give us something extra to celebrate this Queensland Day.

The **Alger Parkinson Lions Club** got an early start and celebrated Queensland Day on Sunday 2 June 2019 with a wonderful free family day at the Alger State School, the venue for many previous such events. Train rides, pony rides, a giant slide, climbing wall, the animal nursery and lots of stalls greeted visitors for the day. School groups of singers, drummers and lots of other activities took place on the stage to entertain the many people who came along. Commencing at 9.30 am and closing at 3.30 pm, with a focus on **"All Things Queensland"**, the day had something for everyone.

The Firies, Ambos and Life Savers all had representatives on hand to share "All Things Queensland". Not to be outdone by their friends from other services, the police were also on hand with a police bike for the kids to sit on for photos (and hit the siren from time to time), a working police van and the Mobile Police Community Office.

Representatives from the Centenary Crime Prevention Unit "signed up" lots of Junior Cops who received their own badge to wear, as well as taking home some colouring in sheets of their favourite police pictures. Police on bikes, riding police horses, with police dogs and police divers were just some of the pictures available. The Junior Cops were put to work and asked to take home a **Householder's Security Checklist** to work through with Mum or Dad to make sure that their homes are safe and secure.

**A wonderful celebration of All Things Queensland – can't wait for next year.**



## STORY DOG MAGGIE

Lismore City Lions Club have sponsored a Lions Story Dog Maggie who along with her owner attend South Lismore Public each Thursday morning.

*Photo of club members and the children from the reading group along with Anne Meagher the Story Dog contact in Lismore.*



## AUSTRALIAN LIONSONOZ NEW BOARD

On one of the few occasions that the majority of Australian Lionsonoz members get together occurred at South West Rocks on the Mid coast of NSW on the 24th May this year.

It was the occasion of their Annual Changeover of Officers. Lionsonoz has a current membership of 30, with 2 more members to be inducted at the next meeting. Fifteen members and their families made the journey to South West Rocks to witness the Changeover.

The whole procedure was conducted on computers through "Skype", the balance of the Club's membership joined in from all the parts of Australia where they were located.

PDG Gerard Cross of Hallidays Point in NSW conducted the Changeover which saw Lion Cheryl Buckley hand over the reins to PDG Peter Veryard. A dinner meeting was then conducted at the South West Rocks Country Club to celebrate the Club's 10th Birthday.

**By PDG Warren White**

*Photo of Lion Cheryl Buckley, Lionsonoz outgoing President congratulates PDG Peter Veryard on his new role as President of Australian Lionsonoz.*



## LIONS CAMP DUCKADANG

**Thanks to Clubs for your support – I wish to pay special tribute to Clubs for your support of Lions Camp Duckadang, *You are amazing!***

With your financial support, the Board is progressing with priorities as listed in the annual letter to Clubs sent in mid-March.

- A new oven has been investigated, and should be replaced in the near future.
- Two other projects are of high priority: Repairs to the Swimming Pool and construction of the Zipline.
- We require only another six beds to complete the replacement of older ones so they are all compliant.

Personally, I believe the Camp 'cannot rest on its laurels' and 'stand still'. All businesses either progress or 'go backwards'.

The Board is determined that Lions Camp Duckadang will 'go forwards', and so we are emphasising the need to upgrade activities on offer. ***Clubs who support Lions Camp Duckadang are amazing!***

**Donating to Lions Camp Duckadang:**

*Around this time of Club Changeovers, you may be wondering how to support Lions Camp Duckadang.*

There is a choice:

1. You may forward a cheque to:  
The Secretary  
Lions Camp Duckadang  
PO Box 437  
STRATHPINE Q 4500
- or
2. Use direct deposit at a Westpac Bank to  
Lions Camp Duckadang Business Cash Reserve Account:  
BSB: 034 - 114  
Account: 124 - 437

Please email a copy of the bank's deposit slip to: [pboge@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pboge@bigpond.net.au)

***Thanks to all Clubs. You are amazing!***

**Thanks, Ian!**

Ian Pelly of Woodford Lions was elected to the Board of Directors at the AGM on 12 October 2014. Since then, Ian has given sterling service as Chairman of Assets and Maintenance. Lions Camp Duckadang has seen several improvements during Ian's time as a Director. ***Ian, you have been amazing!*** Ian is leaving the Board on 30 June so that he can spend more time travelling. The Board thanks Ian for his ready involvement and contribution in helping to make projects happen.

**Expression of Interest:** The Board invites anyone with a range of handyman skills, the time and interest in Assets and Maintenance to contact Chairman Graham Hunwick or me. It would be helpful if any applicants were within easy driving distance to the Camp.

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Thanks once more. Yours in Lionism Peter J Boge – Secretary to the Board, Lions Camp Duckadang